A HUE and CRY AFTER Daniel Foe, AND His *COVENTRY*-BEAST: WITH A Letter from that Worthy *Horse-Courser* to a Friend of Mr. *Mayo* in *Coventry* that lent it Him.

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MR. Foe's *Travelling-Occasions, about three Years since, having led him into* Warwickshire *to encourage the Faction there, as well as elsewhere, he could not but pay his Respects to the* Brethren, *who at that Time were very numerous in* Coventry. *Amongst the rest of those whose good Graces and Pockets he insinuated himself into: One* Mayo, *a poor Man whose whole Support depended on Letting of Horses, had not the least Confidence in him; which he laying hold of, improv'd into being Credited for the Hire of a Horse of him, worth about* 10 *Pounds. But instead of returning it, what does our* Worshipful Squire, *thus dignify'd and distinguish'd from his pretended Intimacy with K.* William, *or his Noble* Subscribers *in* Scotland, *but takes this* Cheval *down to* Scotland *with him, without any notice of the Man that lent it him, in hopes of purchasing the Title of a* Chevalier *by his great Friends Interest. What became of the Horse after the space of above* 3 *Years, Fame has not told us, but the Owner of it finding no return of it, wrote up to a Friend in* London, *who left a Letter at Mr.* Matthews *the Printers in* Little Britain, *concerning the Premises, that was transmitted to him at* Edinburgh * *and had the following Answer in return to it; which the Reader is to observe owns the matter of Fact, and might convince him, were not his Ignorance in the learned Languages so notorious, that* Daniel *is a better Scholar than those that know him, take him to be, and has read* Martial's Epigrams, *where the Poet cries out to such another Trifler as himself,* Dic aliquid de tribus Capellis. *This is Printed to be bound up with his* Reviews, *and is Word for Word thus, the Original being in the Persons Hands that makes this Publick.*

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* Where he pretends he was by the Date of his Letter (tho' 'tis presum'd he was then in *London* or *Westminster.*

SIR,

I AM inform'd, by Mr. *Matthews*, that you have been enquiring after me about a Horse that I hir'd; when I come to Town I will endeavour to see you, and make an end of that matter by giving full Satisfaction to the poor injured Man.

In the mean time I will shew you how the *Scotch* are a company of Rebels against our Constitution, and run down the *Revolution*, and call it no better than a Rebellion against God and the King; and that all that had a Hand in bringing it about, and maintaining it, deserve to be hang'd. They cry up King *James* the VIIIth, and say, the People of *England* are mad or bewitch'd to question his Legitimacy. I find all sorts, of what Religion soever, are for him, and drink his Health every Day. In a word, they out-do all the *Jacobites* in *England*. They gave me this Account of him to prove that he is the lawful King.

They told me the Queen, King *James* the VIII's Mother, being come to her full Time, gave Notice she was in Labour. A new-born Babe, with all that was Natural to it, was taken out of the Bed in the greatest Presence that ever was at any Labour both for Number and Quality. He was seen, and his Navel-string was cut in the Presence of many of them who were present at the Labour. All the Neighbours of the Father's Quality, congratulated his happy Birth to his Parents in the usual Forms, and the next Heirs acknowledged him in the same Form that all others did. They pray'd for him in their Domestick Chappel, 'till they began to call his Birth in Question, and got their Partizans to give out, that he was another Womans Son, and that they wou'd produce the true Mother which they never did.

Upon their Questioning his Birth, which they had own'd and acknowledg'd solemnly, before God and Man, the Father call'd the Witnesses of his Birth to make their Depositions.

Then the Midwife Swore she took him from his Mother's Body. A great Lady, in the Interest of the next Heirs, Swore she laid her Hand on his Mother's Belly, in her Labour, *and felt it fall.*

Others Swore she had Milk in her Breasts before and after his *Birth.*

These Depositions and many others, were taken before Notaries, and registred as a Record, and ought to stand as Authentick, and be esteem'd

eſteem'd True and Certain, 'till better and clearer Proof is made, that theſe Depoſitions are falſe; becauſe all judicial Proofs and Depoſitions are, in Law, to be taken for True and Satisfactory, 'till contradictory and better judicialProofs and Depoſitions are brought to diſprove them, which never was done in this Caſe.

Again: All contradictory Reports, concerning the Birth of any Perſon, prove one another to be Falſe; ſuch as the Reports that the Queen, his Mother, was not with Child of him; and was with Child of him but miſcarried: Alſo, That ſhe did not miſcarry, but brought him forth, and afterwards changed him, all theſe prove one another to be falſe.

Again, to abjure the Birth-right of an Innocent Perſon, whoſe Birth hath all the common Proofs, and more than any other Birth ever yet had, which were never diſprov'd, to Abjure ſuch an one, is Unjuſt, Unchriſtian, and Perjury in the very act of Abjuration.

Again to abjure any Perſon, or ſet aſide his Right upon the ſcore of his Religion is Popery; and contrary to the Doctrine of the Church of *Englaud*, and the Preaching of her moſt famous Divines, and the ſolemn Determinations of her Univerſities.

They have many other Arguments by which they prove *James* the Eighth to be their King, they ſay, one owned (by both Father and Mother, is by the Law of all Nations to be taken for a true Son till he is legally proved to be an Impoſtor.

They ſay, the Birth of a Child which was never prov'd to be falſe, by a great powerful, vigilant and malicious Party which call'd it in-into queſtion, is a true and certain Birth; and ſuch they ſay is their Kings, which never was diſprov'd by the next Heirs who call'd it into queſtion, and declar'd they wou'd examine into it but durſt not do it, though they had Power, Malice and Opportunity to do it, if it could poſſibly by any means have been done. Beſides his Father call'd upon them publickly to diſprove it if they could, or elſe to hold it for truth, and acknowledge his Birth and Birth-right unto which he has a legal Title, ſeeing it has never legally been diſprov'd, or can be. Therefore all his Subjects (ſay theſe Slaves of Hereditary Right) are bound in Duty and Conſcience to receive him and adhere to him, and fight for him as God's Vice-gerent. They never conſider the Liberty of the Subject and the Original Contract between King and People which has been clearly prov'd by the Reverend Mr. *Hoadley* in his excellent Books on that Head, and alſo by many of the *Reviews* which you may ſee at your leiſure. I will ſay no more at preſent, but if Men of theſe Opinions had been all hang'd by the too merciful King *William*, we had been in a happy Condition. I am, Sir

I have ſent you this in a Friend's Pacquet to ſave charge.
Edr. Jan. 22. 1711.

Your Friend and Servant,
D. F.